Item 1

23rd October 2024

GREATER POLLOK AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 18th September 2024, Rosehill Housing Association, 250 Peat Road, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor William Graham (Chair), Councillor Saqib Ahmed, and Bailie Roza Salih, Glasgow City Council; Inspector James McFarlane, Police Scotland; Nicola McGill, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Jean Honan, Third Sector Interface Network; Sarah Ali, Crookston Community Group; Alistair McLellan, Levern and District Community Council; Geri Mogan, Rosehill Housing Association; Dua Zahra, St Paul's High School; Andy Peline, Swamp; Helen Mill, Village Story Telling Centre; Tony Osy, African Relief Support; Elaine Atwood, Darnley Parent Council; Donna Foote, Greater Pollok Services; Teresa Foley, Langton Hall Activity Group, and Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Also present: Yanti Sharma, St Paul's High School.

Apologies: Bailie Rashid Hussain and Station Commander Martine Barr, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Attending: Z Chaudhry (Clerk); K Docherty and K Gannon (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); J Macleod, Glasgow Life; and K McGregor, Sports Forever Foundation.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of the previous meeting of 1st May 2024 were submitted and approved subject to noting that at Item 7 (1) Festive Lighting programme it should read an update review would be provided at the September Partnership meeting.

Police Scotland ward update noted etc.

2 There was heard a report by Inspector James McFarlane, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership that

(1) it had received 472 calls from South Park Village which had all been responded to;

(2) James Friel had been appointed as the new subdivision officer on a temporary basis; and

(3) it had been engaging with students during freshers week to avoid theft, violence and substance abuse.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) highlighted areas of concern regarding the number of house break ins for the Darnley area that occured during the winter months.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

3 There was submitted and noted a report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 1, from 1st April to 30th June 2024 advising the Partnership that

(1) the Service had attended 902 incidents in the South area, these being 314 fires, 193 special service incidents and 395 false alarms;

(2) the changes to Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) response from 1st July 2023 had seen a 31% decrease in the number of false alarm incidents attended by operation crews; and

(3) the figure of 150 UFAS for Quarter 1 2024/25 showed a significant decrease of 47% UFAS incidents from the same period last year.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership ward update – Consideration continued.

4 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration of a report by the Interim Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership to a future meeting.

Building Connections – Presentation by Sports Forever Foundation noted.

5 The Partnership heard a presentation by Kieran McGregor, Manager of Sports Forever Foundation regarding Building Connections, advising that

(1) its mission was to combat trauma and improve mental health through engaging physical and wellbeing activities;

(2) the programs had been designed to support those experiencing grief by providing a safe and supportive environment where they could heal through physical activity and social connection;

(3) the local community faced challenges such as, social isolation, mental health issues, and the post pandemic effects;

(4) it had partnered with Glasgow City Council (GCC) which allowed the foundation to get people out of their local area and to tackle the challenges and issues they had faced; and

(5) it had reached a lot more people through the funding of the mini bus;

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the presentation and thanked Keiran McGregor for the information; and

(b) raised a number of questions that were addressed by Kieran McGregor.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund - Progress update noted etc.

6 With reference to the minutes of 1st May 2024, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the process to support the Greater Pollok Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund (NIF), including a summary of commitments to date.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted that

(a) the Centre for Civic Innovation pilot had worked well; and

(b) no signage had been provided at certain locations such as Household park; and

(2) requested the Executive Director of NRS to provide

(a) the correct location to improve drainage systems as there was no shops on Maybole Street;

(b) an update on all the work done so far and what stage the work was at;

(c) a mechanical sweeper to resolve the flooding around the Linthaugh Nursery area;

(d) costings to lower the pavement at SWAMP on Brockburn Road to make the area safer to access to bring in food deliveries;

(e) adequate parking signage in relation to dogs and park behaviour at Household Park, with an additional request to look at the condition of the recently planted trees; and

(f) an update report specifically on the river clear up to be brought to a future meeting.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund - Community engagement – Update noted.

7 There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding an update in relation to the process for engaging communities in relation to the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund (NIF), advising that

(1) the next agreed ward for community engagement was Drumchapel/ Anniesland, due to commence in Autumn 2024; and

(2) the Communities Team was still working on the engagement process to potentially include a number of wards across the city in 2025.

Festive Lighting 2024/25 update noted etc – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

8 With reference to the minutes of 1st May 2024, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding Festive Lighting within the Ward, advising of the central funding of £3,600 available to meet the costs of erecting and maintaining festive lighting and the proposed costs and locations, advising

(1) of the 2023/24 festive displays and switch-on events and asking the Partnership to confirm if it should be included in the 2024/25 programme;

(2) that the Partnership should notify NRS of any proposed new locations for assessment by NRS to determine the feasibility; and

(3) that if the necessary funding for any additional costs was over and above the central funding this could be approved through delegated authority to the Council's Director of Communication and Corporate Governance in consultation with the Chair, Councillor Graham prior to 31st October 2024.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) requested that NRS provide costings for column lighting features at Peat Road at the Cowglen roundabout in Pollok; and

(c) agreed that an additional special meeting would be held in October for the festive lighting.

Area Budget 2024/25 - Applications for funding dealt with etc.

9 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration Committee of 21st March 2024, when the committee approved the 2024/25 Area Budget

allocations, there was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, advising

(1) of the current position in relation to the Area Partnership's budget for 2024/25

(2) that the Greater Pollok Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2024/25 was £90,546.37 and that £60,895.00 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £29,651.37;

(3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2024/25; and

(4) of the applications dealt with under delegated authority.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2024/25;

(b) noted an ineligible application, as detailed in the report; and

(c) dealt with applications for funding as follows, the grant award being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:

Applicant	Purpose of Application	Decision
*Greater Pollok Services CIC	Towards the cost of funding the setting up of a community garden task force	Awarded £4,857
Urban Roots	Towards the cost of funding for a secure storage shed	Awarded £6,954 subject to confirmation in relation to purchase of seeds and compost tumbler
Police Scotland	Towards the cost of Saturday night football to reduce anti-social behaviour	Awarded £740
Linthaugh Nursery	Towards the cost of funding an outdoor garden who children who attend nursery	Awarded £5,456.23
Halo Arts	Towards the cost of funding to deliver a pantomime to 31 school performances	Awarded £3,606.63

Active Schools Lourdes	Towards the cost of funding to run a 12-week programme targeting primary 1-3	Awarded £720

*Donna Foote declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.